



Jesus the Carpenter

IF I could hold within my hand
The hammer Jesus swung,
Not all the gold in all the land,
Nor jewels countless as the sand,
All in the balance flung,
Could weigh the value of that thing
Round which His fingers once did cling.

If I could have the table He
Once made in Nazareth,
Not all the pearls in all the sea,
Nor crowns of kings, or kings to be,
As long as men have breath,
Could buy that thing of wood He made—
The Lord of lords who learned a trade.

Yes, but His hammer still is shown
By honest hands that toil,
And round His table men sit down,
And all are equals, with a crown
Nor gold nor pearls can soil.
The shop at Nazareth was bare,
But Brotherhood was builded there.

Charles M. Sheldon.

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EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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MAN'S MIND

According to Prof. C. Judson Herrick of University of Chicago, man's brain contains from ten billion to fourteen billion brain cells. "More complicated than any switchboard you can imagine." Such an estimate he says is conservative, especially the smaller figure. If this is correct and as he says that each brain cell is tied together, operating in some sense as a set of storage batteries capable of receiving contact from impressions made on the brain, do we not here see a reflection of omniscience of Almighty God, capable of receiving and knowing the action of everything as it exists? While man doesn't know all things, it is possible that such a receiving station as man's brain is but a miniature of the one Master Mind God.

102 CREEDS ASSEMBLED IN CHICAGO

These consist of Christian and Jew, Catholics and Protestants, Moslem and Buddhist, Brahmen and Humanist, Sikh and Jain, and members of others of the faiths which engage men's religious and speculative interest. During this convention Dr. Kurtakoti, chief of the Vendatist Hindus, representing 200,000,000 Hindus, addressed the convention.

One is made to wonder to what extent so-called Christianity will indulge the uncleanness of the enemies of the Christian faith. To be frank, it makes one think of the "great pot" set on to seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets. "And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not." It happened when they poured out for the men to eat, as they were eating of the pottage that they cried out, and said, Oh thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof. "But he said, Then bring

meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot." The only remedy there is for the Hindus and the followers of other religious creeds who do not have the Gospel of the Atonement is to take them "the meal" of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

One is made to blush if they appreciate the cause of Christ to think that religious leaders do not appreciate and exalt the Christian faith above the faith of the Hindus, Moslems, Buddhists, Brahmen, and the many other false creeds here represented. Such is religious apostasy, such is Babylonish confusion out from which God has called His people. Rev. 18:4.

BLIND LEADERS OF THE BLIND

Such a gathering is one of spiritual blindness, those irreligious creeds cannot but hinder the Gospel of Jesus Christ by exalting them to its level and equal and admitting them into the Christian fellowship. Nicodemus was a thousand miles ahead of such fellows to whom Jesus said, You must be born again, and if I only had one minute in the center of such a gathering, I would tell them so less. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. 2 Cor. 6:14-18. It is stated that the "first difference is that instead of a competitive parade of rival religions, all faiths will be challenged to manifest and apply their religion by helping to solve the urgent problems which impede man's progress.

The second difference is that the word faith is understood to include not only all religions, but all types of spiritual conscientiousness or conviction which are determining the actual lives of significant groups of people, educational, philanthropic, official, economic, national and political faiths will thus be included. The effort is to help mankind to develop a new spiritual dynamic competent to master and reform the world."

WHAT DID JESUS MEAN

When He said, I am the way, the truth and the life. Is there any other method of reform than thru the Gospel? Will anything else wash the crimson stain of sin from the heart? If another love develops than Divine love, is it not human? and

will it not in the end prove to be selfish? What is needed in that convention in Chicago and throughout the whole world is that it should be brought to the knowledge of the saving grace of Jesus Christ and all alike receive a powerful Baptism as the disciples received of old in the upper room. It is stated in Acts 17:6 that "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." If the world is to have reform that will be lasting and good, it will not come by an intermingling of creeds and faiths that have no power, but by cleansing from sin thru the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the only name given under heaven whereby men can be saved and by an infilling of the Divine Spirit giving new and divine life.

COLOSSAL IMAGE

One can but see the approaching age—end as the nations gather themselves together in some form of political brotherhood which is certainly preparing the way of the antichrist. The gathering together and unification of all these religions creates a gigantic world system of false prophets. These are both described in Revelation under the head of the beast having seven heads and ten horns presided over by "Mystery Babylon," false religions of the world. Religion and politics are now trying to go hand in hand. One can but be amazed at the assemblage of officials so high in rank as former presidents, vice-presidents, governors, etc. These men know better than that the solution of the world needs can be solved from any such standpoint of view therefore such an assemblage is a myth and a mockery at what they themselves know to be the truth of the situation.

NOTICES

Dear Evangel readers, it is my happy privilege at this writing to be engaged in a thirty days' singing normal at the Wimauma, Fla. camp ground. This is made possible by Brother Williams, the state overseer, and Brother Whidden, pastor, together with a number who have no charges on their cottages to be used during this school, and quite a few are taking advantage of this opportunity and are spending their vacation in an ideal place and time where they can learn how to sing better. Our closing night will be July 21 at 8:00 p. m. All in driving distance are invited to come share a great evening with us. Above all we are asking God to be with us and bless. This promises to be an annual affair but plans have not been perfected.—Yours in the Master's service.—Otis L. McCoy.

To North Georgia ministers, members and friends: This is to remind you that our North Georgia camp meeting time is drawing nigh and we do not want a one of you to miss it, but our desiring to see you there will not suffice, so we are taking the matter to the Lord in prayer. You

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Drunkenness

By M. E. DRAKE

HEAR THOU, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him. Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice. My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit. She also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men. Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? (The answer comes back.) They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again," Prov. 23:19-35.

Much evidence can be produced that strong drink is raging and those who are deceived thereby are not wise. We could tell hundreds of things drunkenness has caused, but we have surer word of prophecy, the Word of God. We will give a few scripture lectures on this subject, since there are many who are deceived:

First drunk man, Gen. 9:20, 21, "And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: and he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered (caused by drink) within his tent." V. 22, "And Ham, the father of

Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without."

The penalty, Vv. 24, 25, "And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren."

Second drunk man, Gen. 19:33, "And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose." V. 34, "And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father."

From this degenerated source came the Moabites and the Ammonites.

The penalty, Zeph. 2:9, "Therefore as I live, saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, even the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them."

Dear ones, these are some of the fruits of drunkenness: Ruined homes, ruined daughters, ruined characters, ruined business. "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God," Paul.

Third drunk man, Nabal, 1 Sam. 25:36, "And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light."

Introduction: Nabal was very great. He lived in Maon. He owned 3,000 sheep and 1,000 goats. He was shearing his sheep in Carmel, where his possessions were. His wife's name was Abigail. She was a woman of good understanding and had a beautiful countenance. He was a churl and evil in his doings. This fits the drunken class exactly. A churl is a rough, ill-bred fellow. David heard that Nabal was shearing his sheep and he sent ten

young men to greet Nabal in his name. Nabal was a prosperous man in material things, and David sent word unto Nabal: "Peace be unto thee; peace to thine house, peace to all thou hast." (Peace, peace, peace—"Sudden destruction," says the Apostle Paul.)

After David's servants had spoken the words of David to Nabal, then Nabal replied, "Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master. Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be?" Now there was with David about six hundred men. Four hundred of these men, with David, girded on their swords, while two hundred stayed and watched the stuff at camp. One of the young men told Nabal's wife, Abigail, about the proceedings and told her how good David's servants had been to them, and how cruel Nabal had acted. After the conversation of this servant with the good wife of this drinking, stubborn, self-willed man, Nabal, she acted as an intercessor, sent her gift ahead and soon met David and his men. David's mind was to destroy all Nabal had. Oh, brother, "look," see this humble wife of this drinking man. She falls at the feet of David and begs him to let all the blame fall on her. She asked him to not regard this man of Belial. Nabal is called in this chapter, more than once, the son of Belial, meaning a worthless, lawless fellow.

In 2 Cor. 6:15 Belial is generally understood as an appellative of Satan, as the personification of all that was bad. The word "Nabal" means "fool." She says, "For as his name is so is he." And she further states that she never saw the young men who came to bring the glad tidings of the king. She told David the Lord had withheld him from shedding blood and avenging himself with his own hand. She begged forgiveness. David blessed this woman and blessed her advice, after accepting her gift. He said, "Go up in peace."

Now you are brought to the scripture

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reading, 1 Sam. 25:36. V. 37, "But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone." About ten days later the penalty came. God smote him and he died.

Fourth drunken man, Elab, 1 Kings 16:9, "And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, steward of his house in Tirzah." Elab reigned as king over Israel only two years when Zimri conspired against him, and the tenth verse tells us what the penalty for drinking was. "And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him," and we still hear the words, "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God."

Fifth drunk man, 1 Kings 20:16, "And they went out at noon. But Benhadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings," the thirty-two kings that helped him.

Introduction: Benhadad was king of Syria. At this time there were thirty-two kings with him. He had warred against Samaria and he sent messengers to the king of Israel, who was Ahab, and said, "Your silver and gold, wives and children, even the godliest are mine." Ahab answered, "And all I have are thine." Benhadad sent again and said he would send his servants and search the house of Ahab. All they found that was pleasant they would take it away. It was then that Ahab was stirred and called the elders of the land and told them how Benhadad was seeking mischief. The elders said for him not to hearken unto Benhadad nor consent to him, but Ahab told the messengers of Benhadad, "All that I told you in the first I will do, but this thing I may not do." In other words, "I will have to be made." Benhadad was stirred to destroy Israel. Ahab answered, "Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off." Benhadad set his army in array against the city but a prophet of the Lord said the Lord would deliver that great army into his hands, and Ahab said, "By whom?" The prophet said, "By the young men of the princes of the provinces." Then he asked, "Who shall order the battle?" He answered, "Thou." The number of men was two hundred thirty-two, and the number of all the people seven thousand. This army of Israel, two hundred thirty-two young men, went out at noon. 1 Kings 20:16. You now have reached the text of the fifth drunk man, but we can't stop here for there are greater things ahead. These two hundred thirty-two men went out first. Benhadad sent out and they told him, "There are men come out of Samaria." Benhadad said, "Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive." The army of Israel followed these young men, seven thousand of Israel, and they slew every one his man, and the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them and Ben-

hadad fled on a horse with the horsemen, and the king of Israel smote the horses and chariots and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter. Then the prophet came to the king of Israel, Ahab, and said, "Go strengthen thyself for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee. The servants of the king of Syria said unto him, "Their gods are the gods of the hills, therefore they were stronger than we, but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they." And of course he believed them.

At the return of the year Benhadad numbered the Syrian that went to Aphek to fight against Israel. The children of Israel pitched against them like two little flocks of kids but the Syrians filled the country. Oh, brother, it's not the number that counts but the power of God and soberness. A man of God came to the king of Israel and said, Because the Syrians have said that the Lord is God of the hills and not of the valley, I will deliver all this great multitude into thine hands, and ye shall know that I am the Lord." The battle began and seven days of fighting, and the seventh day the battle was joined the children of Israel slew of the Syrians one hundred thousand footmen in one day. Is that all? No. The rest fled to Aphek into the city and a wall fell upon twenty-seven thousand of the men that were left. Drunkenness did not pay Benhadad. Evil advice to take those messengers whether they came for good or bad was given while he was drinking himself drunk, and cost the Syrians one hundred twenty-seven thousand souls. Oh, God help our rulers to have judgment with mercy and keep out drunkenness. Say the end is not yet. The trouble maker always seeks for a hiding place. Benhadad fled and came into the city, into the inner chamber, and his servants said to him, "We have heard that kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes on our heads, * * peradventure he will save thy life." They came to the king of Israel and said, "Thy servant, Benhadad saith, I pray thee, let me live." And Ahab said, "Is he alive? He is my brother." The men diligently observed whether any harm would befall Benhadad, and they said, "Thy brother Benhadad." And Ahab said, "Go bring him." Then Benhadad came forth and Ahab caused him to come up into the chariot. Hear him offering restitution: "The cities which my father hath taken from thy father I will restore them and as my father made streets in Samaria you can make streets in Damascus. Then said Ahab, "I will send thee away with this covenant and he sent him away." I'm here to tell you, although he slipped by justice and judgment and bloodshed of one hundred twenty-seven thousand men, just the same vengeance was awaiting him just around the corner. The ox is sure to low. The sheep are sure to bleat. The rooster will crow. The rocks will cry out. A bird will tell the matter.

Woe to him that buildeth a city with blood.

A certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbor in the word of the Lord, "Smite me, I pray thee." And the man refused to smite him. And he said, "Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the Lord * * a lion shall slay thee." And it suddenly happened. Then he found another man, and he said to him, "Smite me, I pray thee." And the man smote him, and in smiting him he wounded him. So the prophet departed, and waited for the king. When the king came by the wounded man said to the king, "Thy servant went out into the midst of battle, and a man turned aside and brought a man unto me, and said, 'Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone.'" And the king answered him, "So shall thy judgment be. Thyself hast described it." He hasted and took away the ashes from his face and the king discerned he was among the prophets, and he said to the king, "Because thou hast let go out of thine hand a man whom I have appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people." The king left and went to his house displeased. These prophets were willing to suffer even wounds for justice. Penalty for Benhadad was utter destruction. The king of Israel acquitted him and got into trouble.

Sixth drunken man, Belshazzar, Dan. 5:4, "They drank wine and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone." They used the vessels that had been sanctified for the temple in Jerusalem, the house of God, and they drank wine in them. Many deceivers say God has honored drinking wine because the Apostle Paul has said to Timothy, "Drink no longer water, but a little wine for thine often infirmities and thy stomach's sake." This writing, with the others, proves to my satisfaction that wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise, but is as Nabal (fool).

While drinking wine the handwriting came on the wall, which meted out to Belshazzar his doom and he was slain that night. If we had space and time we could bring much more proof that strong drink does not pay. I wish to relate one more, since seven is the letter of perfection. This one is Uriah who was made drunk by King David and after being placed in the front of the battle was slain. David took his pretty wife. Oh, I say, Down with the liquor habit!

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Tennessee State Convention will convene at Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 10-13 inclusive. Everybody is invited to attend. Fuller announcement will follow next issue.—T. S. Payne, State Overseer.

Depending Shadows of the Next Great Event

By G. D. McNAIR

(Continued from last issue)

MEN HAVE FORSAKEN GOD

THE greatest error today is that men have forsaken God and left Him out of their lives. Men have taken the situation in their own hands and have completely left God out of it and as a result they have only a complete failure. Men have trusted in banks and they failed. They have trusted in speculations, soil, etc., and all have failed, but the God of Elijah has never failed and will not fail us in this time if we will but put our trust in Him. The same God that fed Elijah by the ravens can still supply our every need. 1 Kings 17:6.

A report comes from Europe which states that conditions are still blacker, than they have ever been in living memory. Politicians are bewildered and are running from one futile conference to another. This old world is almost ready to plunge into that awful tribulation. The leading business men of our country are looking and expecting some great event to occur soon but seem to be unaware that the coming of our Lord is so near. 1 Thess. 4:16, 17. We are living in a day of waning faith. Jesus said, "When the Son of man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8. And, "Because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold." Matt. 24:12. The modern churches of today have linked hands with the world and a church member can hardly be told from the world. They all seem to dress alike, talk alike, and enjoy the same things. This very thing is creeping in upon our own good Church of God people. May God help us along these lines.

CRIME

Crime is greatly on the increase, among the young as well as among the old. Recently the body of a fifteen year old girl was found brutally crushed and beaten. Her body had been hid away but only partly covered. She, according to physicians, had been dead for some three or four days. Another is that of a thirteen year old boy who, because his grandmother refused to let him have her car to ramble over town with, got a gun and killed his grandmother and then his own mother. Just notice the newspapers. They are filled every day with stories of crime. Recently an attempt was made to kill President Roosevelt, the man shot and wounded five other innocent men and women whom he says he did not intend to shoot. Beloved, do you think that God is going to let such crime as this go by and still be unpunished? Well, I don't think so. I am believing that Jesus is soon coming and will check this sin cursed, crime laden world of ours in which we live.

There are more than 100,000 men in prisons and the increase of crime has been so great that our prisons now are

housing about twice as many criminals as they are supposed to. The causes of the increased number of criminals are many. Prohibition enforcement is responsible for fourteen per cent of the prisoners, while the narcotic law is the cause for more than thirty-three per cent. The increase in commitments is due chiefly to new legal crimes created by the Harrison Narcotic Law, the interstate theft law, the Mann Act, the fradulant, the newer immigration laws, and laws covering interstate commerce.

HORRORS OF SELF-DESTRUCTION

There seems to be an epidemic of suicide sweeping over the world today. Hopeless and in despair, disappointment over loss of money, has caused many to lose their lives. During the year of 1931 according to United States statistics, twenty thousand people committed suicide in the United States alone. In 1933 a newspaper headline revealed the fact that about 500 or more people committed suicide in one day in China. Among those who commit suicide are merchants, bankers, lawyers, doctors, preachers, men and women of all ages, both the learned and the unlearned. The tide of unbelief that is sweeping the earth has robbed them of their faith in God and the Bible. They have been made to believe that there is no heaven or hell and thousands have plunged themselves out into a hopeless eternity without God. They have destroyed their own bodies but God said that after death comes the judgment, Heb. 9:27, and after the judgment comes the second death which is hell, the lake of fire, Rev. 20:14, 15.

SPIRITUALISM — SORCERY

Jesus said, "Many false prophets shall arise and deceive many." Matt. 24:11. Sorcery is one of the signs of the end of this age. A great horde of modern soothsayers, false prophets, dealers in black art, prey upon the public in these last days. "Strong delusion" is paving the way for the coming of the Antichrist with signs and lying wonders. 2 Thess. 2:9-12. Spiritualism has spread very rapidly during the past few years. Much of its trickery has been exposed, yet there is much unexpected and some of it may not be trickery, but all of it is sorcery. The Bible condemns all users of black art as an abomination to the Lord. Deut. 18:10-12. Many good, honest-hearted people have been deceived by the curse of the so-called spiritualism.

There is another method of sorcery called fortune-telling. Beloved, this is just another trick of the devil to deceive people and God's people should have nothing to do with any such as it is detrimental to the soul as well as our minds. I am quite sure if God intended that we should know just what will happen in our lives in the future (and we know the past), He would reveal it to us by the Holy Ghost and not thru dealers in black art.

THE PROMISE LAND

Palestine is called a very small strip of land today but the land that God promised to Abraham for an everlasting possession is from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates. Gen. 15:18. This is an area of some 250,000 square miles. The greater part of this land today is said to be unsurpassed in climate, production and natural advantages. A plan is already being promoted by a league in Great Britain to form such a state of Jewish, united territory. God knew that the Jews would be sifted down thru the nations and He provided land enough for them when they should return in these latter days. Reports from foreign lands say that nowhere is the economic distress more terrific than among the Jews. Poland is described as the center of Jewish poverty and distress, also that suicide has become a daily feature among the Polish Jews. Conditions in Russia and Germany are critical, but it is said that in Palestine the Jews are feeling the depression less than any other country.

THE TURMOIL AND UNREST

There is a turmoil and unrest the world over. Wars and uprisings are very common. The frightful World War ended a little over fourteen years ago. It was one vast outpouring of hatred and destruction. The best strength of our nation was cut down and for generations to come we will be burdened with an immense debt caused by this horrible affair. Yet the allied powers now are spending more on their fighting forces than before the war. In spite of the war debts and the world-wide depression, the powers are now spending more than five billion dollars annually on armaments. There have been riots, uprisings and revolutions in other countries and also bloody battles.

We can see by our daily newspapers that people are rising up in sections of the United States and have refused to pay their taxes. They have demanded a cut in expenses of our government. Farmers, the last of the laboring men to organize, have begun to organize and revolt against so much speculation upon their produce. Dearly beloved, this old world of ours is getting in a bad condition and in all the history of the world there has never been a better time for the Antichrist to take control. The poor people are oppressed so much that when he comes and begins to bring back good times in a financial way and cause craft to prosper as in Dan. 8:25, thousands, yes millions will fall in line with him and be deceived before they hardly realize what they are doing.

THE AGE END NEARS

The Bible foretells us that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 Tim. 3:1. The age end is near and the fact becomes clear as the day approaches. Soon the trumpet shall sound and the immortal voice shall sound forth, "Behold the

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bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him" (Matt. 25:6), at the last trump (1 Cor. 15:52). More than ten thousand finger posts are pointing to the soon coming of Jesus. As Christians we know His coming is near by the blazing light of

the Word of God that casts forth shadows before the coming event.

Jesus warns us, "When ye see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the door," Mark 13:29.

Blessed Are The Meek

By D. O. BLAND

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Matt. 5:5.

LE T us examine this little word meek and see what it means to us as children of God. Notice the pronounced blessing to those who are in possession of meekness.

We will consider the great Pattern and Example, Christ Jesus our Lord, for us all. Read Isa. 53:7 and Matt. 26:39. Notice how submissive our Savior was to the will of the Father. In 2 Cor. 10:4 Paul said, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God."

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." Rom. 12:19. Also notice the 16, 17 verses of the same chapter. We are exhorted to be of the same mind one toward another. Oh how we need to be clothed with the spirit of meekness!

It is only to the extent that we abound in this grace that we can obtain the greater spiritual strength that will enable us to become a greater blessing to lost humanity. Oh yes, we know we have been sanctified and it was a perfect work for by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified, Heb. 10:14. Yes, He has done a perfect work. But the question is, What have we done and what are we doing? We are admonished to walk as children of light, Eph. 5:8. We are exhorted to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth, but it is only according as we submit ourselves to the will of God we can hope to grow in grace.

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity." 2 Peter 1:5-7. If we are to walk as children of light we must add the above mentioned graces to our lives and we will only do this as we are possessed with a love for God and His Word.

Remember 2 Peter 1:9 says, "But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." Oh how we need the humble, meek spirit of Jesus. Jesus said, I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest to your souls. "For this is thank worthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently?"

but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mou'h." 1 Peter 2:19-22.

The fourth chapter and first verse tells us for as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh we are to arm ourselves with the same mind. "That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God." V. 2. "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." God created our foreparents and placed them in the garden of Eden and set the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the midst of the garden and forbade them to partake of it. When they saw the tree was to make one wise they partook of it. You see right there the devil took advantage of their natural created desires to know things to get them to violate God's holy commandment. So it is today, he takes advantage of our human desires, knowledge, passion, pride, feelings, all of which if directed in the right way and according to the will of God can prove a blessing to those we come in contact with and to the dear old Church of God, but if misdirected by Satan will cause us to lose favor with God. "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour wherewith shall it be salted?"

Paul said in 1 Cor. 9:27, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Oh brother, the way of the cross that leads home is the way of death to self and selfish desires. The flesh will lead us to retaliate for injuries done to us but the Word of God will direct us to return good for evil. Jesus said, If thy brother sin against thee, go to him and tell him his fault between him and thee alone. If we would always follow these instructions much heartaches and trouble would be avoided. Heb. 13:17. We are asked to obey those who have the rule over us for they watch for our souls. Again we are asked to submit ourselves one to another in the fear of the Lord; and again, in honor to prefer one another. For the above to become practical in our lives we will have to become submissive to the whole plan of salvation as out-

lined in His precious Word. Surely we will have to be clothed with meekness if we are to be sheltered in the day of wrath. Zeph. 2:3, "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."

The meek shall inherit the earth.

We are not only to seek meekness and righteousness, we are to seek the standard of conduct and of holy living given to us in God's Holy Word, not my idea or your idea, but thus saith the Lord in His precious Word. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 14:12. We should watch and pray for there are so many snares and traps set and so concealed by the tempter to get us into some byway that will be hurtful to us and others. Jesus said to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Our righteousness is of the Lord. The Lord has made this highway for us. The safe way for us is to be clothed with the Spirit of meekness. "The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way." Psa. 25:9. Oh how we need to be submissive and under all circumstances that we are placed in in life to pray, Not my will but thine be done, and to say with Paul, "Whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content," Phil. 4:11, "for godliness with contentment is great gain," 1 Tim. 6:6. Meekness will help us to lose sight of self and self-importance and will help us to see ourselves in the light of God's revealed Word and will cause more self-examination and less criticizing of others for their shortcoming and will help us to encourage our weak brother for we that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves, Rom. 15:1. "For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself." Gal. 6:3. For "By grace ye are saved," Eph. 2:5. "He giveth grace unto the lowly," Prov. 3:34. Oh how we need to stay low for He will not forget the cry of the humble, Isa. 9:12. "Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud," Prov. 16:19. "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings." 1 Pet. 4:12, 13. Oh blessed thought, if we suffer with Him we shall reign with Him. The trials come and are permitted to come our way to consume the dross and refine the gold for He has chosen us in the furnace of affliction. Isa. 48:10.

Oh brethren, are we willing to stand the test? Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised them that love him. Oh do we love Him? He said if we love Him we will keep His commandments. I want to be this blessed man who is as the tree by the waters, that is the tree

that bringeth forth the fruits.

As the Lord led His people forty years in the wilderness to humble them and prove them, Deut. 8:2, so may we be led thru the wilderness of temptation. He has promised a way for our escape if we will but look to Him, 1 Cor. 10:13. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you," Jas. 4:7. Notice the condition of the above promise. We are to submit ourselves to God. After all we must pray, Thy will be done, and He will give us grace to bear the trials or deliver us from them. He has promised not to leave us or forsake us. Oh the unsearchable riches of Christ our Lord! "And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power," Col. 2:10.

Meekness; Oh what wonderful promises! They shall inherit the earth. Read Rev. 20:6. Yes, they shall reign with Him a thousand years. No more trials, no

more trouble for the old serpent will be bound.

Where will we reign? Read Rev. 5:10. Yes, we will inherit the earth. I can feel the glory sweep over my soul as I sit here in the little church that is called by His name and write of these wonderful promises. Let us be faithful and when we have come to the end of this life we can say with Paul, I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, then we can receive the crown of righteousness that He has promised to all of those who love His appearing. "The meek shall eat and be satisfied," Psa. 22:26. He will save all the meek of the earth, Psa. 76:9. "He will beautify the meek with salvation," Psa. 149:4. The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

So many more good things could be said but I will stop here for this time. Pray for us that we will stay where God can get glory out of our lives.

of the song service we could feel the good unity of the saints.

The convention was opened by Brother Staats, pastor, giving the welcome address which made everybody feel at home. The house was crowded every service. The people of the district responded in attendance in spite of financial conditions from which we all suffer at present. Visitors were greatly moved to see how God did work and it seemed everybody was willing to open their homes and make the visitors welcome.

Saturday night was turned over to the young people. They responded in a wonderful way. The Lord surely is blessing our young people for which we are proud. They gave some wonderful talks. We were surely glad to have Brother and Sister Haynes with us. Their encouraging words made us feel like putting our shoulders to the wheel and helping them push this battle forward that they are so interested in. We surely thank the Lord for Brother and Sister Haynes who are ready at any cost and at all times to carry out their duty and put this Gospel over for Jesus. Every subject was good and every one was benefited. Brother Reed from Cleveland, Ohio was with us and surely brought us some wonderful messages. We believe he is a good evangelist on fire for God. We thank the Lord for the loyal ministers of the state of Ohio.

Brother Wilson, our state Sunday School superintendent, and wife and some other saints from Middletown, Ohio were with us. Brother Wilson gave us a wonder talk on the betterment of Sunday School. A large store room was donated to the church to serve dinner in. About three hundred people were served dinner. It was greatly enjoyed by all. Pray that God will continue to bless at Canton and give us a larger buildng.—A sister in Christ, Rena Staats.

OLD TIME POWER

Sunday, May 21st, was home coming day at Toonigh, Ga. Church of God. The dear Lord gave us a wonderful service and large attendance. His power was great in our midst. In the morning service we had the privilege of having Evangelist Lovie P. Shaw preach for us. His message was very much enjoyed and was beneficial. In the afternoon service we were surely glad to have Brother R. P. Johnson, our overseer, with us. He preached a wonderful sermon on the "Home Coming Day." The real old time power was manifested. Many of the saints were revived and old time conviction seized the hearts of sinners. I feel that it was good for the church to hear these two messages. We appreciated the good fellowship of the nearby churches and the gratitude of my heart is rendered to God for the way He blessed and cheered hearts. The church at Toonigh, Ga. welcomes you.—Your brother, V. E. Hooks, pastor.

SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

EDGEWOOD, Tex.—We have just closed a three weeks' meeting here with Brother Gross in charge. The church was brought back here from Wills Point with thirteen members with Brother Mat Cornes over the work. Pray for our little church that we will hold on to God.—Edna Marion, clerk, Rt. 2.

MAGEE, Miss.—We have just closed a revival at Martinville with good interest. It was a hard place but God worked and there were seven converted, six sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and a church set in order with twelve members. When we began some said there was so much liquor we could not have a revival but we had a good, quiet time, for which we thank the Lord. The meeting closed with great interest and the altar full of seekers. Pray for this new church.—S. V. Grimes, Rt. 1.

BUSH, La.—I praise God for the way He is blessing in South Louisiana. I came here June 4 and started a revival. The Lord began to bless from the first service. People came to the altar and would pray and cry to God. He has saved, sanctified and filled souls with the Holy Ghost and the end is not yet. Thirty-two have received the Holy Ghost, with the ones who have been reclaimed. Thirtynine have been converted, thirty-two sanctified, and sixteen added to the church. Please pray for the continued success of this revival. We are to go to Shepherds Fold after we leave here (Sharp's Tabernacle). Brother W. H. Black is pastor and he is a fine man to work with. God bless him. I am in the evangelistic work altogether and will be till the Assembly. God bless all who read this. Pray much for me.—Your humble brother in Christ, and out for lost souls.—L. J. Potts, evan-

gelist, Rt. 1, Bush, La., in care of Sim King.

WORK IN GOOD CONDITION

WILMINGTON, N. C.—We thank the Lord for the revival that came to a close Sunday night, June 11th. Brother Stephens, our state overseer, gave us this two weeks' revival. God surely did bless him in preaching. I believe it was the best I ever heard him preach. The results were good. Sixteen were saved, ten sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, eleven added to the church and fourteen baptized in water. The work here is in good condition. God blesses in every service. We have large crowds. Our building cannot accommodate our crowds. We have good interest. We feel that great things are in future for His church here. People are coming for miles to see and learn about the Church of God. All we want them to do is come and see, and if they are honest with God they will come with us.

During the revival we discontinued our radio services but went back on the air Monday night, June 19th and will be on every Monday night from 9:45 p. m. until 10:45 p. m. over WRAM. We will preach for thirty minutes and the choir sings special songs accompanied by the string band. Pray for us.—G. C. Hamby, pastor, 411½ Wright St.

A WONDERFUL TIME

AKRON, O.—The district convention of the Church of God convened at Canton, Ohio, April 21-23. It was truly a wonderful time for God met with us in a great way. It seemed that every message came forth with power and demonstration of the Spirit and from the very beginning

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REQUESTS

Dear saints, I have suffered much. I could hardly eat anything. One night I thought I was going to die. A sister came in and prayed for me and the Lord touched my body. On May 7th I had a bad spell of bleeding at the nose. After my nose quit bleeding a clot of blood stayed in my nose for a few days and since then there is something growing in my nose. My body is healed and I can eat and my nerves are getting better. I have not used any medicine about my nose but have been trusting the Lord. It has bled several different times and runs corruption most of the time and my head does not feel so good at times. I also have another trouble caused from an operation a little over three years ago. Dear saints, if you love me as a sister in Christ and can get a prayer thru to the throne of grace, I want you to please send up a prayer for me. If you feel like fasting and praying for me, I will appreciate it so much for I have suffered lots and have a family to care for and need the Lord to completely heal me in every way if it is His will. Dear brothers and sisters, if you are standing on divine healing it will pay you best to never listen to what people say and step off to lean on the arm of flesh. Satan likes to do all he can to make our faith weak. I was trusting the Lord and took three doses of medicine and one of them was soda water and I seemed to get worse. I quit and am trusting the Lord again and looking to Him to answer prayer and completely heal my body. I have three little boys who need me. Pray for my oldest boy who got his big toe cut and hasn't walked in several days. Pray for my baby who has whooping cough. Pray for my unsaved husband and my oldest son to be saved. Pray for us all!—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Nellie Sexton, 473 Adams St., Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear saints, Sister Pearl Thompson has a little ten year old girl who has had a very bad stroke of infantile paralysis. Pray for her to get healed and her father and sister to get saved. Sister Pearl is the only one in her family who has the blessing. Pray that God will give her another one of her family to help her. Pray for me and my home.—A sister in the Lord, Mrs. Ben Smith, Ripley, Tenn., Rt. 6.

I ask prayer for my sister. She has pellagra. Please pray that the Lord will heal her and also myself. I have some trouble with my chest. Pray for my brothers who are out in sin. Pray for my mother to be healed, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for the Church of God at this place, that we will get a church building. We have just closed a revival with six added to the church. Pray that the Lord will save my girl friend. — Miss Bertha Evans, East Marion, N. C.

I request a special prayer for my little

girl. She once had salvation but has backslidden and disobeyed me. We sent her to a training school about eleven months ago. It seems that she is overpowered by the enemy. She requests prayer. Pray that God will bring her home and save her lost soul. I have had lots of trouble and ask that you pray for me. Pray for my husband.—A troubled sister in the Lord, Mrs. W. C. Johnson, Coats, N. C.

Dear Christian friends, I ask that you please pray for me. God understands my trouble.—Yours respectfully, S. J. Lawson, Rt. 2, Harriman, Tenn.

Dear ones, I have a mother-in-law who has been sick for four months. She is in a bad shape. We have had doctors and tried all kinds of medicines and nothing is doing any good. Pray that she might be healed and gain her strength. Pray that I may live closer to the Lord and receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my husband to get saved and live for Jesus. — Mrs. Ruby Hammond, Rt. 3, Friendship, Tenn.

A while back my stepfather, Brother Henry Hazellief, was bothered with what the doctor called a bleeding tumor. The doctor came and told them if he was living until four o'clock the next morning to carry him to the hospital. We sent after the praying people and they prayed for him and the Lord healed him. Now he is bothered with a hurting around his heart. Pray that the Lord will heal him. He has healed many times and He will heal again.—Mrs. Elizabeth Mixon, Okeechobee, Fla.

Please pray for my son, Herbert R. Hughes, who is unsaved and is seriously ill and must have help from God. Please pray a special prayer for him. Pray for me to be an overcomer. Bless the Lord. He is so good to us. I want to love Him more.—Your sister, Nora Hughes, Abilene, Tex.

Pray for my eyes. I am unable to study my Bible and to do tedious work. I am trusting the Lord and want Him to give me strength in my eyes that I may use them for His glory.

We want a 100 per cent evangelist who will declare the whole counsel of God to a lost world, to come to Lumber City, Ga. We are few in number and poor financially but we are willing to trust God, so if any one has faith that God will give them lost souls and supply their needs, please come over. We are in need of help. Please come. Pray for our church and for my unsaved husband and two children.—Your sister in Christ, Amie Dowdy.

Please pray for my children. They have measles and whooping cough and the baby is teething. Jesus knows all about their suffering and is able to help. Pray for them.—Mrs. C. G. Bellah, Ranger, Tex.

Dear saints, I am an orphan girl nine-

teen years old and have had T. B. four years. I earnestly desire every one to pray that God will heal my body if it is His will. I thank God for saving, sanctifying, baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and adding me to the dear Church of God. I have only been in this way since the 20th of last May and was baptized in water the 21st. I feel like God wants me to trust Him for my healing. I want you all to pray for the Lord to give me more faith that I can give up taking medicine. I know God can heal. If you feel led to write me, please do so. Pray that I will be ready when Jesus comes or calls.—A sister under the blood, Miss Louise Lloyd, Hazlehurst, Ga.

A STAMP SECRET

In the guarded vaults of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, in Washington, there are filed away the officially approved sketches of two stamps that have never been issued. They were ready for approval eighteen years ago; indeed they were partly approved. These designs were for a peace stamp to mark the anniversary of the signing of the treaty of Ghent, between England and the United States, and a century of peace and friendship between the English-speaking peoples of the world. On each stamp were the words, "Peace, 1814-1914." Just one day before the Postmaster-General expected to approve these stamps the World War exploded. Austria issued her ultimatum to Serbia. This was in the summer of 1914, and by fall, the time when the British-American Peace Centenary Committee had intended holding their celebration in the city of Ghent, in Belgium, Ghent was in the hands of Germany and the Spirit of Peace had been driven out of warring Europe.—The Youth's Evangelist.

GIANT METEOR LIGHTS WEST

The most spectacular meteor reported in the United States in many years recently illuminated five states and either disintegrated just before reaching the earth or fell in some deserted locality. Persons in The Oklahoma Panhandle, north Texas and New Mexico, and southern Kansas and Colorado all expressed belief that the meteor, or fragments of it struck in their vicinity.

A farmer at Stratford, Texas, found a fourteen pound mass of metal at the edge of a wheat field, which he believes to be one of the fragments. Although cool at the time of discovery, vegetation about the object had been burned. The rumble of the meteor as it sped through the air was so great that it rattled doors and windows, while persons in Oklahoma report that the earth trembled for several seconds.

Two air mail pilots flying 300 miles apart found themselves uncomfortably close to the fiery mass, but were treated with grandstand seats to the spectacle, which was visible for many minutes.—Pathfinder,



In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

WE ARE STILL ON THE JOB IN THE BAHAMAS

I GUESS some of you get tired of reading these reports but you can just read and read again for we don't want you to forget us here, and these folks, I am sure, want you to pray for them and try to help them get the gospel preached to them.

A trip to Long Island was not so good to me, for I got sick with a fever and my head troubled me while gone to this place, but I was met at the water's edge by Brother Miller, who is district overseer. We had been on the water about thirty hours and were tired out. There was a car there from Dedmans Cay, which belonged about thirty miles away. We got the driver to carry us to where we were going, which was nine miles. We got there a little late for service but we went by and hailed them and talked a while. I was so sick I did not feel like sitting up, so I soon went for rest but had little, I was so sick and tired out. Any way the folks did the best they could to help me.

The next day I was still sick. Only God knows how I felt. That night we went for service anyway and there were some folks who had come from other churches. God surely did bless us while there. We talked with the saints about the work and found out all about it the best we could. Now I will say, we are not doing so good there. These folks don't have places to worship and seem to be scattered about. The storm hit them there in November and blew down their buildings. There is just a few members at these places and they want help. Brother Miller will do his best to help them soon, and we want to send some evangelists there to help get the people together. And too, we want to have some buildings placed there sometime soon. I know you will help us some, won't you? Some are getting the blessing in their homes around there and they are looking to us to send help to them. Now these folks surely like the Church of God and they want us to stand by them and we love them and intend to stand by them. Thank God for real Church of God members who know no retreat, but will stay on the firing line.

I did not get to visit any place but Long Island on this trip. I wanted to visit Exuma but the water was bad and there was no way to go, only the larger boats, so I came back to Nassau and then I caught the same boat and went to Exuma. It was a very rough trip. The water was so rough we couldn't stop at any place so I had to miss it. I could have gotten off at another place and walked, but I went to Hog Island and

got a friend to take me across to little Exuma. I had my luggage to carry so I left some of it on the boat and carried the rest. This friend who took me across took my suitcase and carried it a little way for me, then he had to go back home. Here is where I had some fun—my brief case and my suitcase. This country is not cold by any means and this was a hot day. Well, the load and I!

I made it near the place where I was going. I stopped to rest for the last time then I was going to make it in. While stopped I looked and saw some of the folks coming to meet me. In ten minutes there were about thirty around me. I walked on to the house and rested until service and there we had some fine services. Brother Bethel and family surely did treat me fine there in their home. I will say that this church is coming on fine. Everybody has the victory there. I don't think it will be long until we will have more churches on this island. We were there some few days and they were well spent. I never will forget these good folks.

The time came for me to start back home. I asked them how I was going to get back to the boat. The boys said, We will put you there. I got ready and went to the little boat, about a nine foot boat that had to be pulled with an oar. The boys picked me up and waited for the wave to go out and they put me in the boat to go. The water was so rough that the big boat wouldn't stop for me but the boys put me in this little boat and went several miles to another place where the big boat would stop for me. Boys, it looked bad but we made it O. K. We don't have to walk on water, or haven't yet, but you surely do have to have faith here to travel. I sometimes think, Surely this much faith is sufficient to walk on the water, but I guess it is mixed too much with fear. Well, after all the bitter there is so much sweet we soon forget the bitter and are ready to start again.

We need some good soldiers here who know no retreat. God will bless you if you will go on and stay on the firing line. Say, if you can't go and know some one who will, will you put something in his hand so he can go? I know times are hard everywhere but just do what God tells you to do. It will be O. K. The mission work is needed and we have got to put forth every effort we can to carry it on. Here we have a number of islands we need to go to that have no Church of God and they want us to come. Now, you say, Go, and we have some good preachers who will go, if you will send them. What about it? Say, boys, let us send the glad tidings to everybody and then we will get to go home where we won't have to

ride these mountainous seas any more. Thank God, it won't be long now. It seems as if I can almost hear the shouts of heaven now and I do know I feel it in my soul right now. Glory, glory! Come on, boys, come on, let us go over the top. We are almost there. Don't forget the boy on the Bahamas.—Faithfully, W. E. Raney.

WORD GIVEN OUT IN FULLNESS

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn.—Dear saints of God, we are really thanking and praising our blessed Lord this morning for what He has done for us. I am really giving Him praise for victory over the enemy, bless His good name! We have just closed a ten days' revival conducted by Brother S. C. Swaggerty from East Chattanooga, Tenn. We believe he is a real man of God and we have learned to love him dearly. He surely gives out the precious Word in its fullness uncompromising in any way. His sermons were real food to our souls. No one got thru to the Lord but we are made to believe much and lasting good was done which eternity will reveal. This is one hard place. People seem to have hardened their hearts against God at this place. We have a church here and one of as good pastors as the Church of God has. You can see the glory on his face at all times and he always has a word of comfort for the weary and downhearted.

We praise the dear Lord this morning for His mighty power to heal. On Thursday of the revival our baby took sick with tonsilitis and a burning fever. We began to call on God. The devil said use remedies but we only used James 5:14. Thank God. Now we took her right on to Church. The Lord has healed her body and we are praising Him this morning for His love to His children.

We mean by the help of God to go all the way with Him for we are now traveling on the last mile of the journey. We will soon be home. The goal is just ahead, thank the Lord! May God bless all in our prayer. We sincerely covet the prayers of the saints. We are in service for the dear Lord any time, anywhere.—Your brother and sister in Christ, B. H. Clark and wife.

Godless Movement Spreads

According to "Friend of Missions," the Movement for the Encouragement of Godlessness, which began in Moscow, is taking on an international character and becoming ambitious. The promoters have their eye on Geneva, and want to have offices in the city associated with Calvin and Luther. They have invaded Belgium, where the Godless Bureau is hoping to spread the movement through the stage, the cinema, lectures, and the press. Hindu students, to the number of 100, have gone to Moscow to learn about the organization, and the planning to translate some plays into half a dozen of the chief Indian languages to spread their propaganda.



TESTIMONIES



PRESS THE BATTLE FOR JESUS

I praise God this beautiful evening for victory in my soul. About ten months ago God saw fit to save my soul, sanctify me with His precious blood and give me the sweet Holy Ghost and a determination to press the battle for Jesus our Redeemer.

Dear ones, I am now in the way and I love every Word of God. I am really proud of the way. The Lord has done so much for me, what have I done for Him? I praise God for the real experience He has given me. Just ten short months ago God showed me the way I was traveling and where I was headed. My little girl took sick with colitis. The third day the doctor said she couldn't live. They started weeping and crying. I said the doctors didn't know everything. I still didn't know of God nor I didn't have salvation, but I know now I was leaning on God. He knew of me, bless His name!

On Friday morning she took with a spasm. Well, I gave up hopes too. Then I realized she was going to die. I gave my part to God. He wonderfully saved my soul. She lived thru that day until four-thirty but I was ready and willing for God to have His way, praise His name. My experience has gone on from that time until now. God has been a real Comforter and Guide for me. I've never felt like crying for our little girl because I know Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heaven. I know she's safe with Jesus where I hope to be some day, Glory to God.

Saints pray for the Y. P. E. here at Marked Tree, Ark. We have a good sized crowd of young people and have only been started about six or nine months. Pray that God will take us in His hands and bring us to the front for Him and that we will have more willing workers. Pray for the dear old Church of God at Marked Tree that it will come to the front and rise and shine, praise the Lord.—Love to my dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Mrs. Johnnie Brown, Marked Tree, Ark., Box 23.

PRESS FORWARD

I praise God for the full plan of salvation. I heard a preacher say that when holiness first came to Thomasville the people even went to see a lawyer about getting it out of the town but the lawyer told them it would soon blow over, and thank God a touch of it blew over in Halfacere. I also praise Him because it is still in Thomasville. When we start out in this way we should start pressing forward for God and keep digging deeper and deeper for the things of the Lord, and if we want to win eternal life we will

have to keep on going forward and not even think of turning back. Praise God for the determination of going forward for Christ, because some day I know that I will be crowned and shall reign with Christ for ever, if I hold out faithful to the end, for the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. Rom. 6:23.

Everybody who reads this pray for me to hold out faithful to the end and be doing just what the Lord wants me to do. Also pray for the Church of God at Half-acre to shine brighter for God than it ever has, and every member of it to press forward for the deeper blessing of the Lord.—A sister in Jesus, Mrs. O. B. Smith.

WORKING FOR THE MASTER

I thank and praise God for what He has done for me. I have seven in family all filled with the precious Holy Ghost except my baby. We are all ready, praise God!

We are in a new place and desire the prayers of all the saints that we may do more for the Master. We are having cottage meetings, and the Lord has blessed us wonderfully. Twelve have been filled with the Holy Ghost in our prayer meetings.

Please pray for two little children who were filled with the Holy Ghost in prayer service in my home. Pray for them that they may lead their father who is a drunkard to the light. Pray for God to provide the way for them. They are so sweet. One of them is nine years old and the other is six. Pray for me.—A brother in the Church of God, J. M. Vice, Sweetwater, Ala.

THE BIBLE WAY

I praise God this morning for free and full salvation, bless His name, salvation that we really know about. I am also a member of the Church of God.

I thank God for the Church of God at Lenoir. It is rising and shining, praise the Lord. I thank Him for our pastor and his good wife, Brother and Sister Stallings. They surely have done a great work here for the Lord. Brother Stallings surely preaches the Word of God just like it is. I thank the Lord for them because they were the ones who brought the message to me.

I am so glad I am in the way of holiness. You know it is right anyway because it is the Bible way. I ask the saints of God to pray a special prayer that the Lord will send us a great revival here and pray that my husband will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for me that I'll ever stand true and keep victory in my soul until Jesus comes or calls.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. E. A. Harris, Box 26, Lenoir, N. C.

TOUCHED BY GOD'S DIVINE POWER

BAUXITE, Ark.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. My baby was very sick. We didn't know what was the matter with her. Every time we would move her about she would cry. She was only two months old.

I took her to the doctor and he said she had the water head and there was no chance for her to live. This was in November. I brought her back home and wrote Brother L. G. Rouse. When I got the anointed handkerchief back I put it on the baby's head and her head went down about three inches in three days and she is healed and is as lively as any one. I can't praise the Lord enough. I want to keep trusting in Him. I want every one to pray for me that I may do the Lord's will.—Your sister, Flora Gentry, Rt. 1.

DETERMINED TO GO THROUGH WITH GOD

N. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—I awoke this morning impressed to write to the Evangel and sound a note of praise for my blessed Savior Jesus Christ, bless His dear name for ever. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the good Holy Ghost for which I thank and praise God.

I praise Him this morning for our Y. P. E. It is a great help to me. I praise Him for our dear pastor, Brother E. L. Simmons, who is so fatherly to us. I feel victory down in my soul this morning, glory to God. Help me say "Send me." The enemy tells me there is no use for me to try to do anything without I could go to Bible School and learn more about the Word, but I am determined to go thru with God and use whatever He gives me, bless His name. Dan. 2:21 said that God giveth wisdom unto the wise and knowledge to them that know understanding.

I really feel that there is no time to lose now for Jesus will surely be here soon to take us home to glory where discouragements come no more. Hallelujah! I am longing to see that day, aren't you?

I want every one who reads this to pray for me that I may keep the fire burning and make a soul winner for Jesus.—Your brother in Christ, Jack Pharr.

Y. P. E. ORGANIZED

We enjoyed the revival just closed here by Brother Adkins. Every one was revived in this meeting. We now have a Y.P.E. We thank Brother Adkins for reorganizing our little crowd of young people.

We have with us another young minister, Brother Whitmore, from Asheville, N. C. We are sorry our pastor, Brother Wright, is thinking of leaving us. We will miss him much.—Secretary.

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.—Jn. 10:11.

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION A REAL SUCCESS

The Indiana state convention convened at Shelburn, Ind. May 12-14. It was a real success. The preachers seemed to be at their best. Brother Latimer, our General Overseer, was present and at his best for the Lord. He delivered several inspiring messages which were enjoyed by all who heard him. We were very fortunate to have Brother J. H. Walker, our superintendent of education, with us and Brother Charles Griffard who rendered valuable service in singing. The music and singing was wonderful throughout the convention.

Saturday night Brother J. H. Walker gave a message in tongues and the interpretation was given. Conviction seized the people and some came to the altar. Two were saved. Sunday morning the Sunday School lesson was taught from the pulpit by Brother Walker. We had preaching at eleven o'clock by Brother Latimer. Sunday afternoon after the report of the churches the Y. P. E. gave a good program. Sunday night the service was fine. During the convention we had four Pentecostal preachers come into the Church.

On Friday night following the convention I set a church in order at Carbon, Ind. with fourteen members. Some of the folks are already planning for the next convention. Pray for the work in Indiana.—C. H. Standifer, Overseer of Indiana, Shelburn, Ind.

THE BOOM IN PALESTINE A PERIL IF IT COLLAPSES

With no unemployment, a treasury enjoying an annual surplus, land values doubling and redoubling, capital flowing in, industries expanding, immigration increasing astonishingly, and malaria stamped out, Palestine thrives as neither the British mandatory administration nor the Zionists themselves ever dared to hope.

The Jordan, now harnessed, yields electrical power carried all the way to Acre in the north and Rehoboth in the south.

The Dead Sea, its waters lowered by pumping, yields potash and bromine for shipment from Jericho to Jerusalem whence, by way of Haifa and Port Said, they are exported everywhere.

Two years ago, Palestine's orange crop—its main source of income—filled 2,000,000 cases at most. The forecast for the coming year is 6,000,000. Tel Aviv, a Jewish settlement near Jaffa, had 2,000 inhabitants in 1919. Now it claims 60,000 with 100,000 close ahead.

In nine years, Palestine's Jewish population has doubled. Partly because Turkish conscription has ceased, the Arab population has increased by more than a third.

But the London Times points out that land prices in the orange belt are so high that investment yields only a very small profit. Moreover:

"There is, unfortunately, no doubt that the regulations restricting Jewish immi-

gration to the numbers which the country can absorb without prejudice to the rights and legitimate interests of other sections of the population have been systematically evaded. Tourists arrive in Palestine and do not depart.

"If the present 'boom' collapses—as it may—then the resultant unemployment will revive the declining hostility between Arab and Jew, will inflict undeserved injury on the licensed and law-abiding immigrants, and will add to the burdens and anxieties of the British Government. The sooner these facts are faced the better for all concerned."—Literary Digest.

REAPING GRAIN

The Cantwell convention convened at Potosi, Mo., April 28-30, and to say that it was enjoyed by all is putting it mild. Our district overseer, Brother G. P. Gower, was in charge. On Friday night the services were opened with song and prayer. Brother Marvin Porter brought the welcome address. At the close a written invitation was given by the mayor of Potosi. Responses were given by Sisters Maud Roth, Julia Bohannon, Effie Wills, Brothers M. H. Durbin and Leslie Orrick. By this time every one was feeling welcome and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way in the opening service.

Saturday morning at ten o'clock services opened with songs and concert prayer at which time the Holy Ghost came down and blessed in a great way. At this time we had an old time praise service conducted by Brother Sam Hawkins. Short talks were given by Sister Victoria Weible Brothers Raymond Worley and John Miller. Sister Sophie Marsal preached on "Suffering for Jesus." In the afternoon we had songs and concert prayer followed by short talks by Sisters Alice

Edwards. Brother Floyd Bird delivered a message on "Divine Fellowship." Sister Carrie Stringer brought a message on "Saints' Remedy in Time of Trouble." Saturday night service opened with songs and prayer. Brother W. J. Milligan, state overseer, brought a message on "The Closing of the Gentile Age." At the close of this service the altar was full of hungry souls.

Sunday morning Sunday School was taught from the pulpit by Brother Marvin Porter. Brother G. P. Gower gave an encouraging talk on "Boosting the Sunday School." Brother W. J. Milligan brought a wonderful message on "Abraham's Children." We adjourned at this time to go to an old-fashioned basket dinner, and from the looks of the table old man depression was not at home. It was estimated that 500 ate dinner there. We were called to order again at two o'clock with a good song service and prayer. We had reports of the churches which were St. Louis, Cantwell, Bonne Terre, Leadwood, Roughley, Tiff (new church) and Potosi (new church). For the whole district there were one hundred and forty-two added to the church, one hundred and thirty-four saved, ninety-eight sanctified and seventy filled with the Holy Ghost.

We want to say that Brother G. P. Gower certainly has been working for the Church of God what little time he has been here. He set all these new churches in order. You all will have to cheer Missouri, she is going over the top for Jesus.—Julia Bohannon, Leadwood, Mo.

This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.—John 17:3.

MINUTES! MINUTES! MINUTES!

The Minutes of the General Assembly constitute a source of information concerning the growth, government, and teachings of the Church of God. Every minister should have a copy to keep himself informed on the above subjects and to avoid getting out of harmony with such rulings and regulations as the General Assembly has adopted for its general welfare. Each clerk should likewise have a copy; and the General Assembly has ruled "that each local church be required to provide clerks with the Minute yearly."

APPLICANTS TO THE MINISTRY

A thorough study of the Minutes is also a part of the qualifications of an applicant to the ministry, which reads as follows, "We recommend that applicants for the ministry make a thorough study of the teachings of the Church of God and the rulings of the General Assembly before being set forth by the local church."

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Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 4—July 23

ISAIAH DENOUNCES DRUNKENNESS AND OTHER SINS

Text: Isaiah 5:8-12, 18-24.

Memory Verse: Psa. 1:6.

Time: Isaiah began to prophesy (Beech-er) in B. C. 766, and died about B. C. 679.

Place: Jerusalem.

Golden Text: Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14:34.

Leading Thought: Nations' and individuals' welfare depends on the sobriety and godliness of our leaders.

I. WOES ANNOUNCED AGAINST HUSBANDMEN

V. 8. "Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field." This is quets were held by the "princes" and the first woe. "It is pronounced on the "nobles," beginning at an early hour (Ec. greed which leads men to continually en- 10:16), accompanied by music of an enlarge their estates, without regard to their citing kind (Amos 6:5-6). These were con- neighbor's convenience. It does not charge tinued "into the night," which terminated unfair means or violence in dispossessing in general drunkenness and perhaps in former owners or proprietors." What is de-lentiousness (Prov. 23:27-30; Hosea 4:11). nounced is the "accumulations of land in V. 12. "And the harp." Perhaps as played single hands to the detriment of the com- by David, a stringed instrument having a munity." (See law: Num. 27:1-11; 33:54; sounding board. "And the viol." A stringed 1 Kings 21:4). "Till there be no place," instrument played with the fingers. "The i. e., there is no room for others. "That tabret." From Hebrew "toph," a timbrel they may be placed alone in the midst of or tambourine. "The pipe." This was a alone in grandeour. They did not want instruments had been dedicated to the neighbors to trouble them. Those who own worship of Jehovah (1 Sam. 10:5). "And or manage estates are responsible to God, wine, are in their feasts." Music and wine who made the land not for the benefit of were used in their revels, and wine and a few, but that it may satisfy the want of music were used to excite their passions and drown their conscience. "But they hosts." Perhaps reference is here made to sder the operation of his hands." In their God who is commander of the armies of drunken brawls they took no heed to the heaven and earth. Many houses shall be "work of the Lord," either to do it; or to desolate, even great and fair, without in- fear those judgments as recorded in his habitant. The rich landlords defeated their tory. They therefore overlooked the omni- purpose, in isolating themselves from nous clouds and warnings of His judge- the common people and caring for the poor ments which were about to be executed, from their possession; they had sinned in adding house to house. The prophecy re- done for their nation. (Deut. 32:7-14; even so is self-conceit and selfish wisdom fers to desolation, either by war or some Josh. 16:2-13; 1 Chron. 16:12-22; Ezra divine judgment, upon the "great and fair" estates of the rich." A parallel is found in Jas. 5:1-6.

V. 10. "Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath." The greed of adding field to field punished by barrenness of the land. Dr. Kay says, Ten acres should have yield-woe; however, commenters have expressed four thousand gallons instead of "one bath" (eight gallons). "And the seed of an ly the third woe. If this is correct then the homer shall yield an ephah." The ephah we enter the fourth woe with the eighteen- bath" (eight gallons). "And the seed of an ly the third woe. If this is correct then the homer shall yield an ephah." The ephah we enter the fourth woe with the eighteen- was the tenth part of a "homer." There- th verse. The prophet here refers to the grounds, dates, and honey." This is not a fore the yield from seed sown was "one vanity of men, who in their self-pride are repetition of the second woe, which mention- tenth" of actual seed sown. The word bound to iniquity by pride as if it were a tions those who drink day and night. Those "acre" is rendered from the Hebrew word "load dragging behind them." Through mentioned in verse 22 are professional for "yoke" meaning as much land as a pride sin actually follows, or tugs after men, who are mentioned in the following yoke of oxen would plow in a day. If this them as a burden is drawn by a rope. "And verse, and who go about their duties in is correct the yield is decidedly less than sin as if it were with a cart rope." The a drunken stupor, with senses benumbed the Roman acre is meant.

WOES PRONOUNCED UPON DRUNK-ARDS—vv. 11-12

V. 11. "Woe unto them that rise up is too weak for the purpose. They do not reward." This verse is a continuation of

early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink." This is the second woe of a series of seven "woes." Drinking in the morning was unusual and specially disgraceful (Ec. 10:17; Acts 2:15). Even the priests and prophets "erred through strong drink and were swallowed up of wine" (Isa. 28:7). Strong drink is a waste of physical energy and intellect. When the saloon was first outlawed in the United States it was at once noticeable that difficulties among workmen almost entirely disappeared. While the saloon remained

Monday was a day of continued drunken sprees among workmen, shortage of hands at plants and factories; but with the cause removed the result was that such difficulties and shortage of first-day week laborers was a thing of the past. "That continue all

perceive the terribleness of their sins and the judgments that are about to follow, which are expressed by the possible breaking of a mere cart rope attached to a heavy load.

V. 19. "That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it." Instead of trembling at the coming judgment of God, which Isaiah has announced, they pretend to desire its immediate arrival; they want to see it. They walk not by faith, but by sight. "And let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it." They mock at the mentioned judgments of God, as do all drunkards. They refer to and use His name mockingly rather than with fear and respect.

WOES PRONOUNCED AGAINST WREST-ING JUDGMENT

V. 20. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil." The fifth woe, directed against those who prevent the use of right reason and good. They prevent justice and twist the truth as if it were evil;

they also skillfully plead the cause of evil to make it appear good. "That put darkness for light, and light for darkness." "Light" and "darkness" symbolize good and evil throughout the scriptures (1 Sam. 2:9; 2 Sam. 22:29; Job 19:3; Ps. 112:4; Prov. 2:13; Ecc. 2:13; Matt. 6:2; John 1:9; Acts 26:18; Rom. 13:12; 1 Cor. 4:5).

single hands to the detriment of the com- by David, a stringed instrument having a They try to remove the guilt and crime of the thing, by making it appear good; and try to remove the good of right by making it appear evil. "And put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter." These are symbols. Jeremiah calls wickedness "bit-ter" (Jer. 2:19; 4:18), and the Psalmist calls the judgments of God "sweet" (Psa. 119:103). It is simply yielding to and grati- fying the lusts of the flesh, and calling it good because it is their desire, and con- demning what is right because they are bound by sin.

WOES PRONOUNCED AGAINST SELF-CONCEIT

V. 21. "Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight." It is the sad condition of those whose eyes sin has blinded. "They take no heed to the judgment of others." "As hu- manity is the crowning touch of virtue" done for their nation. (Deut. 32:7-14; Ezra 16:2-13; 1 Chron. 16:12-22; Ezra the "crowning touch" to vice and sin. They see no reason why they should change their ways.

CORDS OF INIQUITY AND VANITY

Isa. 5:18-24

WOES AGAINST STRONG DRINK

CONTINUED

V. 18. "Woe unto them that draw in- equity, with cords of vanity." The third drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink." This is the last woe here mentioned, directed against the violent drink. Strong drink is said to be made from "wine-was the tenth part of a "homer." There- th verse. The prophet here refers to the grounds, dates, and honey." This is not a fore the yield from seed sown was "one vanity of men, who in their self-pride are repetition of the second woe, which mention- tenth" of actual seed sown. The word bound to iniquity by pride as if it were a tions those who drink day and night. Those "acre" is rendered from the Hebrew word "load dragging behind them." Through mentioned in verse 22 are professional for "yoke" meaning as much land as a pride sin actually follows, or tugs after men, who are mentioned in the following yoke of oxen would plow in a day. If this them as a burden is drawn by a rope. "And verse, and who go about their duties in is correct the yield is decidedly less than sin as if it were with a cart rope." The a drunken stupor, with senses benumbed reference is unto those who practice such and vision dimmed by the poison of sins as are here mentioned, as if they were "strong drink."

V. 23. "Which justify the wicked for tugging at a load with a cart rope," which V. 23. "Which justify the wicked for

the woe of verse twenty-two, which is pro-former judgment will be one of complete pronounced upon them, not altogether because ness, outsuming both "stubble and chaff," of drinking but because they meet to judge but by an external force. The latter is the causes of the people and "take a bribe" from decay of internal force; however; from the wicked and declare his cause in either case the destruction is complete. right and his adversary wrong. "And take "The ruin of Israel would include both; away the righteousness of the righteous it would be brought about by an internal from him." "That is, declare him to be in cause, their corruption; and an external the wrong by deciding his cause against one, God's anger." him." The judges of that time acquitted The root is the last thing to decay. When that fails, the case is desperate. Judah's root did not utterly fail (see ch.11:1); but the present warning is to individuals and classes (verses 8, 11, 18, 20-23), not to the nation. "Their blossom shall go up as the stubble." Literally, "as a tongue of dust," i. e., "their external glory shall fire eat up stubble." The judgment is general in its effect; a complete destruction Raulinson, M. A., "because they have cast is intended against all forms of iniquity away the law of the Lord of hosts." This mentioned. "And the flame consumeth the was the cause of all Israel's troubles. "And chaff." The manner of expression is the despised the word of the holy one of Is-of a farmer cleaning up his fields. "So rael." Rejection of the Word of the In-their root shall be as rottenness." The spired prophets (Ch. 28:23; 32:9).

JUDGMENTS EXPLAINED

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Excavations in Palestine

The season's excavations at Tell Duweir, in Judea, have been concluded, and it is now possible to give some account of the work undertaken by the Wellcome Historical Museum Expedition, under the supervision of Mr. J. L. Starkey. It has been previously suggested that this Tell marks the site of the ancient Biblical city of Lachish, and nothing appears to have been found to disprove this theory. On the other hand, considerable evidence has been brought to light to confirm it.

Lachish was captured by Sennacherib, King of Assyria, in B.C. 701, the same Sennacherib who sent those menacing messages to Hezekiah, King of Judah, which are recorded both in the Second Book of the Kings and the Second Book of Chronicles, as well as the Book on the Prophet Isaiah. The picture of the siege of Lachish by this Sennacherib is depicted on stone basreliefs which were found on the walls of his palace at Nineveh, and are now in the British Museum.

Tell Duwier is about 25 miles southwest of Jerusalem, in the Shephelah or low hill-country. It stands some 900 feet above sea level, and covers an area of about 40 acres at its base, tapering to 18 acres on its summit. It commands a magnificent view, especially toward the sea, and dominates the Philistines' country. The Expedition has uncovered the city of Rehoboam's time, and the defences bear ample evidence both of the breaching of its walls at Sennacherib's siege, and of the destruction by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, in B.C. 586, as recorded in the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. The methods adopted by the Babylonians for the capture of the city appear to have been even more brutal than those of the Assyrians a century earlier. Nebuchadnezzar's men appear to have cut down the whole of the olive, fig, and oak trees which then flourished on the neighboring hills, and to have piled them up against the breaches that had been repaired after Sennacherib's departure.

These huge heaps of combustible material were then fired, and the great heat engendered by the conflagration caused the walls to collapse and disintegrate, or crumble away into lime.

Underneath the stone walls of Rehoboam's time are to be seen the red brick walls of an earlier occupation. These may prove to be the remains of the defences of the Lachish that was captured by Joshua, but it will take another season's work to lay bare the evidence. There is the palace right on the top of the hill which has been partially uncovered, and there are the tombs at the foot of the hill which belong to all periods, and have yielded a great quantity of skulls in excellent preservation.

After some large boulders had been removed a well nearly 250 feet deep, containing 18 feet of water, was disclosed, and appears to have been made at a very early date in the history of the city, probably in the time of the Hyksos.

Another interesting discovery has been a shrine on the left hand side of the gateway. These idolatrous shrines are definitely referred to in the Second Book of Kings as having been broken down by

Josiah, one of the last kings of Judah, but none have previously been found. The usual large quantities of potsherds have been found and a number of jar handles bearing the royal stamp of all four pottery works which were run under royal supervision, as referred to in the Second Book of Chronicles. A larger number of the articles found, both in the tombs and in the debris of the Rehoboam city are being brought to England, to the Wellcome Historical Museum, in Euston road.—The Christian (London).

GOSPEL WORKS REVOLUTION

CLEARWATER, Fla.—A new church and an old time revival is a monument in Clearwater against the devil. We have been in our new church building about two months against all petitions and court to keep the Church of God people out of Clearwater. Praise God! We are here, God has been with us and we give Him all the honor for what is done.

We have just closed a good revival. The writer tried to secure an evangelist but failed so I started with Brother George Lemons from Largo preaching every night that he was idle. The fire fell from the beginning. On the next to the last week God sent Brother B. L. Hicks, state evangelist of Florida, by and he spent a week with us. Many souls were blessed. Eighteen were saved, twenty-four sanctified, twenty-nine filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-seven baptized in water and twenty-seven added to the church. There are more getting ready to be received into the church.

It will take eternity to tell what good was done by this revival. One merchant of the city was saved and his wife received the Holy Ghost. He sold tobacco and coco-cola and I heard that he was coming in the church so I gave him a private talk about selling these and he wonderfully submitted to the teaching of the Church. This morning I passed his place of business and he was taking down his coco-cola signs. I thank God for a Gospel that works a revolution. Brother Hicks gave some special addresses to the saints. Pray for the work here.—J. T. Roberts, pastor, Box 352.

SPECIAL SONG BOOK SALE

We happen to have on hand possibly 1000 copies of "Glory Songs." This book contains 202 songs which affords a splendid variety of selection. It has been a good seller at the price of \$3.10 per dozen. However, we have decided to close it out at a price of \$2.00 per dozen, \$15.00 per 100 while they last. Order at once.

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NOTICES

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please pray and as you pray, begin arranging to meet us there. The Lord will help those who He sees are determined. The South Georgia camp meeting is now on with good interest. There was a gracious outpouring of the Holy Ghost the first service, with prospects for the greatest meeting in the history of South Georgia. Come on, every one. **READ AND THEN RUSH!**—R. P. Johnson, overseer of Georgia.

B. O. Rosenbaum and Alfred Berasdi will begin a revival at Roanoke, Va., July 16, D.V. All pray for the success of this meeting. Those wishing to write them, kindly address 50 Buffy St., Salem, Va., in care of C. W. Collins.

Evangelistic slate of Eugene M. Bryant, 100 N. Washington, St., Roanoke Rapids, N. C.: Gastonia, N. C., July 5-23; Thomasville, N. C., July 25-Aug. 13; Washington camp meeting, Aug. 17-Aug. 27.

To the Church of God in Kansas and Missouri: The state convention will convene at Cantwell, Mo., Aug. 17-20, with the General Overseer, S. W. Latimer, present, also Superintendent of Bible Training School, J. H. Walker, and other prominent ministers from other states. There will be room and beds free with meals on the freewill offering plan. There should be a freewill offering taken in each church to defray the expenses of this worthy cause for many who cannot come could help a little and be a blessing in so doing. Each church should send its pastor and see that he is financially able to attend. As many delegates as can come will be appreciated. Let your daily prayers invoke the love of God upon that sacred gathering and upon all the churches in Kansas and Missouri. For further information write W. J. Milligan, state overseer, Box 272, Desloge, Mo.

CORRECTION.—We call your attention to the scripture reference "Rev. 4:12" in "Successful Lie Detector Is Invented by Student" under Notes from the Editor in last week's Evangel. This reference should have been Heb. 4:12. Also where it said, "I quote Calvin Coolidge," it should have been, "To quote Calvin Coolidge."

To whom it may concern: Brother W. T. Martin will begin a revival July 15 at the Church of God three miles south of Graceville, Fla. Everybody is invited to come and bring music and singers.

The South Louisiana state convention convenes at Kentwood, La., Aug. 4-6. Entertainment free. Every minister, deacon, exhorter, and laity make an effort to be there. Help make it a great convention. Of course we expect the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be present. Sunday morning will be devoted to orphanage and Sunday School work; Sunday afternoon

NORTH GEORGIA CAMP MEETING

Will convene at Canton, Ga., July 20-30
R. P. JOHNSON, State Overseer

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

Will convene at Greenville, S. C., July 20-23
H. L. WHITTINGTON, State Overseer

NORTH FLORIDA CAMP MEETING

Will convene at Lake City, Fla., July 20-30
E. W. WILLIAMS, Overseer

ALABAMA STATE CAMP MEETING

Will convene at Alabama City, Ala., July 21-30
W. W. HARMON, State Overseer

NORTH LOUISIANA STATE CAMP MEETING

Will convene at Epps, La., July 21-30
J. B. COLE, Overseer

OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION

Will convene at Maud, Okla., July 22-Aug. 4
The General Overseer is expected to be with us Aug. 1-4
GRAHAM OGLESBY, State Overseer

OHIO STATE CONVENTION

Will convene at Akron, Ohio, July 27-30
The General Overseer is expected to be present
E. HAYNES, State Overseer

MAINE STATE CONVENTION

Will convene at Appleton, Me., Aug. 24-27
H. W. POTEAT, State Overseer

VIRGINIA STATE ASSEMBLY

Will convene August 17-20—L. L. VAUGHT, Overseer

TEXAS STATE CAMP MEETING

Will convene at Weatherford, Tex., Aug. 3-10
J. C. COATS, Overseer

SOUTH LOUISIANA STATE CONVENTION

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KANSAS-MISSOURI CONVENTION

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W. J. MILLIGAN, State Overseer

NEW JERSEY STATE CONVENTION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

(Colored Work)

Will convene at Woodbury, N. J., August 21-27
G. BYRD, State Overseer (Colored Work)

to missions. Please bring a nice offering along with you. Don't forget. The convention convenes Friday 7:30 p. m. We expect to meet you there, D. V. For further information write W. G. Webb, Kentwood, La., chairman of entertainment committee, or J. B. Cole, Epps, La., overseer.

J. P. Nolan, Epps, La., is state mission treasurer. Send one half of mission funds to Headquarters and one half to him.—Yours for Christ, J. B. Cole, overseer.

We are in a battle here at Cross City, Fla. We have engaged Sister S. J. Heath and her band from Morgantown, Miss. The interest is fine. All who know Sister Heath, know she is a real soldier in the army of the Lord. The people like her and the girls' special singing. We invite all the neighboring churches to visit us and help us win souls for the Master. We are expecting an outpouring of the Spirit. Pray that the Lord will send old time conviction to the unsaved people of this place.—Your brother in Christ, J. C. Cox,

pastor.

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The Gastonia district convention will convene at Valdese, N. C., July 14-16. We will begin at 7:30 p. m. and will close Sunday. Dinner on the ground Sunday. Everybody is invited. Please pray that God will make this convention a great success.—W. M. Stallings, pastor. (Too late for last week's paper.)

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The Church of God at Black Oak, Tenn. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sisters Cora West, Vina Miller, and Nettie Goldin. If not heard from by the next conference their names will be dropped from the roll. Conference will be held Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July.—W. F. Lynn.

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We wish to announce that we have a revival started here in Gladewater, about one mile on the Gilmer highway, under a brush arbor. Everybody pray that it will be a success. We will be glad if the saints in the East Texas oil fields, will come over and help us out.—Your brother and sister in Christ, Brother and Sister L. A. Swanson.

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A revival will begin at Vaughns Chapel Church of God eight miles from Millan, Ga., July 10. Any one passing this way who stands foursquare for the Church of God, we would be glad to have you stop with us. We need your help. We expect the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be in charge. Pray much for the revival. We welcome one and all.—E. D. Douglas, pastor. (Too late for last week's paper.)

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If any one has the following songs, will you send me a copy of each? "You Can Run on a Long Time," "I Don't Want To," "I believe I'll Go Back Home." I'll appreciate them very much.—Your sister in Christ, Miss Viola Nonnemacher, Key West, Fla., 914 White St.

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I am trying to get a truck load to go to the Assembly from Texas. Our route from the Rio Grande Valley will be to Beeville, thru Houston and Marshall, into Louisiana. If you are on our route and are interested, write Mrs. Winnie Findley, Box 116, Mission, Tex.

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Our state overseer, Brother W. W. Harmon, and the quartet from Pratt City will be here Aug. 6 to hold a three weeks' meeting. The neighboring churches are invited. The meeting will be held here at my store under a brush arbor if we can't get a tent. Please pray for the success of the meeting.—Your brother in Christ, H. T. Miller, Mentone, Ala.

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The Sunday School convention for the northern part of Florida will convene at Lake City, July 28, the last Friday during the camp meeting. We talked this over with Brother Williams, and decided to have the Sunday School convention at Lake City instead of Branford. One trip, and get the good of the camp meeting and the convention. We would appreciate it very much if the pastors, S. S.

Superintendents, and teachers can be there for the convention. Don't forget to pray for the success of this meeting, because the Sunday School work is a great asset to the Church.

Don't forget the place and date, Lake City camp meeting, and the last Friday, July 28.—H. L. Chesser, State S. S. Supt., 937 N. Ohio Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

DEATH NOTICES

TYLER

Brother Hollis Tyler died June 26, 1933 at the age of forty years and ten months. He had the Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God at Saxton, Fla.

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SMITH

Mary Smith, wife of John D. Smith, has gone on to be with Jesus. (Age, date of birth, and where buried were not given).—Sent in by her niece, Daisy Bigham.

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TEASTER

Ursilla Teaster, wife of Albert Teaster, Speedwell, N. C., died May 20, 1933. She was a true blue Church of God member.

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CANTRELL (minister)

In remembrance of our dear Brother Floyd Cantrell who departed this life May 28, 1933. Brother Floyd was a true and faithful minister and stood 100 per cent for the Church and her teachings. He was only twenty-two years old and had been preaching the gospel about one year. He came on Sunday morning, May 28, to fill his regular appointment. He came in smiling as usual and seemed to be feeling very well except a headache. He said he had been bothered with the headache off and on all the week and didn't know why the Lord didn't heal him but knew that God was still on the throne. He began preaching. The Lord wonderfully blessed him. He read Eph. 6:11-19, taking V. 11 for a text. He talked about thirty minutes when he said

there was something going around in his head and in a short time he asked all to pray for him. The saints gathered around him and began praying. After prayer he left the room as he was very sick and in a few minutes some of the brethren carried him to the bed. There he remained until God sent the holy angels to carry him to God. He was sick only about two and a half hours.

He told his wife that he wanted to die in the pulpit so we weep not as those who have no hope. We feel sure he is up yonder looking down on us. Oh how we miss him now for he was always encouraging us to press on. He leaves to mourn his death his wife, one sweet little baby, father, mother, three brothers, two sisters, and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by Brothers Nix and Davis at the church at Dalton, Ga. and his body was laid in the Dug Gapp cemetery to await the resurrection morning.—One who loved him, Sie Manis, deacon of the Church of God at Cedar Valley.

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GOSPEL CARRIED TO NEW FIELD

FELLSMERE, Fla.—We thank God for victory. We are saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and on the firing line for Jesus. I am out in a new field here preaching the full Gospel. This is the first revival I have ever conducted, but the Lord is with us, praise God! I have been here eight days now and four have been saved, one sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We have good interest here. We had fourteen at the altar and more than could get in the building. We had two brothers and a sister from Vero Beach, Fla., to help us three nights last week, Brother Brumby and Brother and Sister Tharp. We surely thank them for their help.

The Lord is surely with us. Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless.—Your brother in Christ, J. W. Allen and wife.

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The Branford district convention convened April 14-16 at Branford, Fla. The program began Friday night with our state overseer, Brother E. W. Williams, in charge. The service followed with songs, prayers and music. The welcome address was given by the writer followed by a sermon on "The Gospel and Its Effect" by J. H. Griffin. A good altar service concluded this service.

Brother Floyd O'Bannon and wife with some of the Jasper church folks attended the services Saturday. Brother O'Bannon is overseer of Jasper district. We enjoyed their presence very much. Brother Williams preached Saturday morning on "The Need of Deeper Consecration." This was greatly enjoyed by all present. We had a ministers' conference Saturday afternoon followed by special music and songs. Saturday night Brother J. W. Culpepper preached on "Lifting the Standard." This was a wonderful message and was followed by a good altar service.

Service opened Sunday morning with songs, prayers and music followed by short talks on the Sunday School by the superintendents. Brother Williams preached on "Practical and Scriptural Unity." The sisters spread a good dinner and we surely enjoyed it. Sunday afternoon we had the report of the churches. These church reports were followed by special songs and music. Sunday night service opened with prayer for the sick. Sister Audrey Kirkland gave an address on "The Power of Prayer" after

which the writer preached on "The Christian's Hope." A good altar service ensued.

Pray for the work here.—Humbly, your brother, E. E. Coleman, district pastor.

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